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SUBJECT: GDR COMMENT ON CAMP DAVID MEETING

1. THE EAST GERMAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEEKLY, HORIZONT, IN ITS EDITION PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 6, CARRIES AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZING US MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND THE CAMP DAVID MEETING, AT THE SAME TIME SUGGESTING THAT NOTHING WILL COME OF THE MEETING. THE EDITORIAL
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IS SPECIFICALLY CRITICAL OF THE IDEA OF SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, SAYING THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENT OF A US AND NATO MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION AND ARE INTENDED TO RESULT IN A COMPROMISE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL AND TO REACTIONARY ARAB CIRCLES. THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT US POLICY IS BASED ON THE

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FACT THAT THE MIDDLE EAST HAS POLITICAL AND
MILITARY-STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CONFLICT
BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND IMPERIALISM, THAT IT HAS
THE LARGEST KNOWN RESERVES OF OIL, PLATINUM, CHROME
AND OTHER RESOURCES AND THAT CONFLICTS IN THE AREA
LEAD TO INSTABILITY IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. ALL
US ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE AIMED AT
ENSURING A CAPITALIST ORIENTATION IN THE AREA.
THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES ARE CHARACTERIZED AS
BEING IN AGREEMENT WITH BEGIN'S AND THE PRESIDENT,
THE EDITORIAL STATES, IS "UNDER PRESSURE FROM
INFLUENTIAL ZIONIST FINANCIAL CIRCLES ON THE
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE."

2. THE EDITORIAL SUMMARIZES GDR MIDDLE
EAST POLICY:THE ONLY SOLUTION IS THE TOTAL
WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL ARAB AREAS
OCCUPIED IN 1967, THE REALIZATION OF INALIENABLE
RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE INCLUDING
THEIR RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THEIR OWN STATEAND THE GUARANTEE OF THE RIGHT
OF ALL STATES OF THE REGION INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT
TO AN INDEPENDENT AND SECURE EXISTENCE.

3. COMMENT: THE EDITORIAL, WHICH WAS CLEARLY
TIMED TO APPEAR CONCURRENTLY WITH THE BEGINNING
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OF THE CAMP DAVID TALKS, IS A RESTATEMENT OF GDR
MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND DOES NOT VARY FROM PREVIOUS
POSITIONS. THE COMMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY
DIRECT CRITICISM OF SADAT (ALSO CONSISTENT WITH
PAST PUBLIC STATEMENTS) BUT IS SOMEWHAT SHARPER
IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S INVOLVEMENT.
END COMMENT. POLANSKY

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